

REMARKS

Currently, Claims 1 to 25 are pending in the application, Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected and Claims 2 and 5-25 are objected to.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated Ledig (U.S. Patents 6,495,375).

The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Elmore et al.

The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brain et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0072720)

In view of the rejections Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 3 and 4.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2 and 5-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's determination of allowable subject matter and have amended Claim 2 to incorporate all of the limitation of base Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of rejections, and allowance of Claims 2 and 5-25 is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 12-1295.

Respectfully submitted,

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